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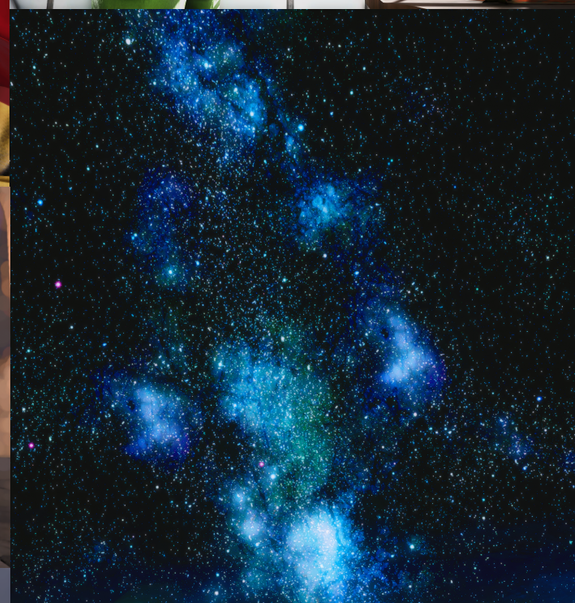

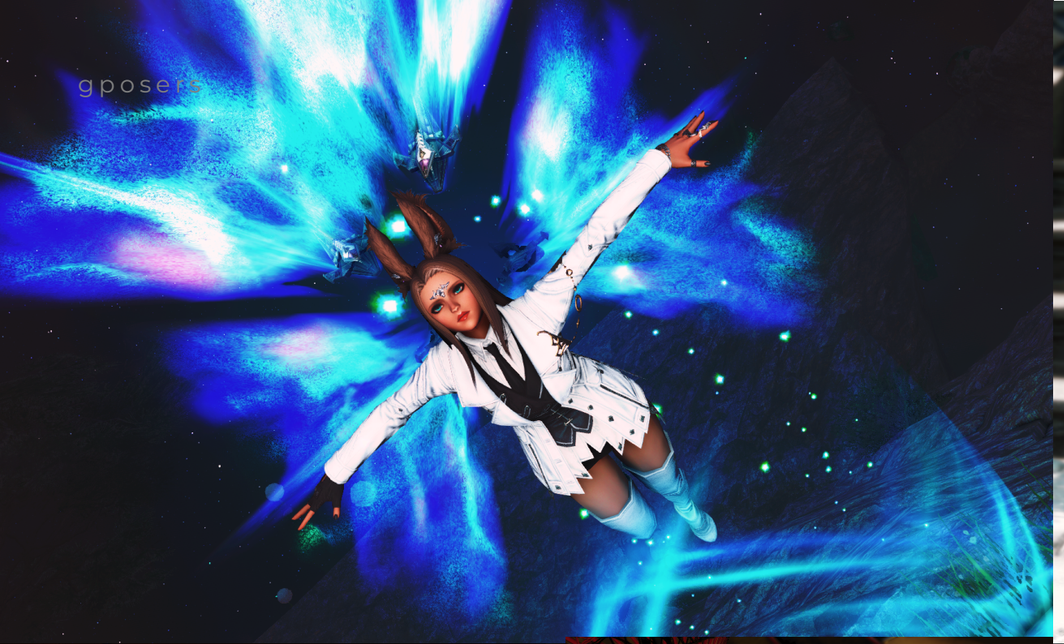
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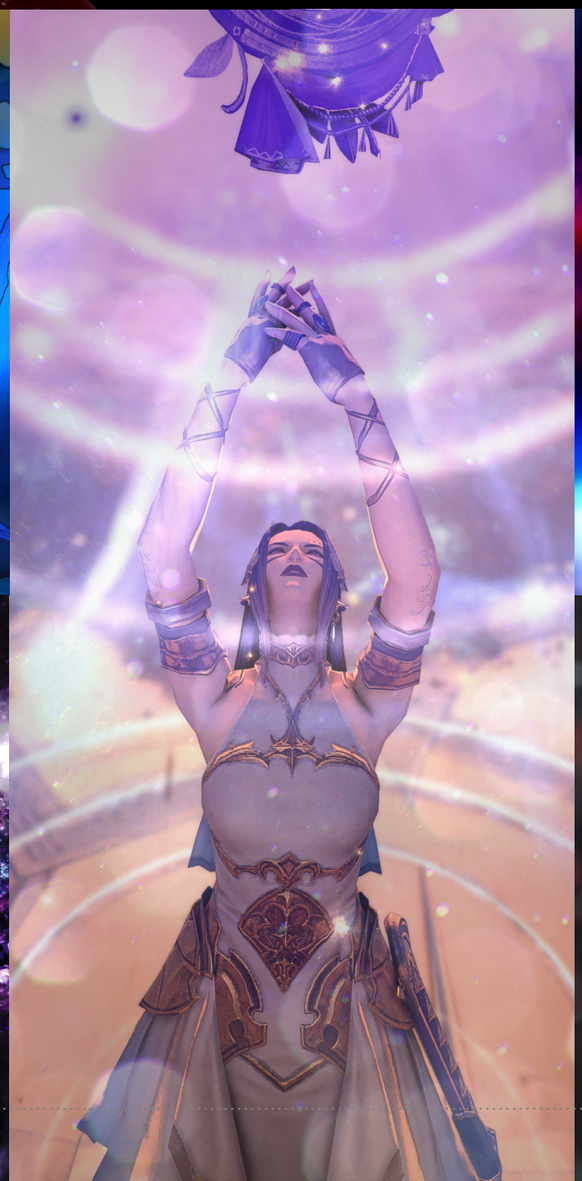

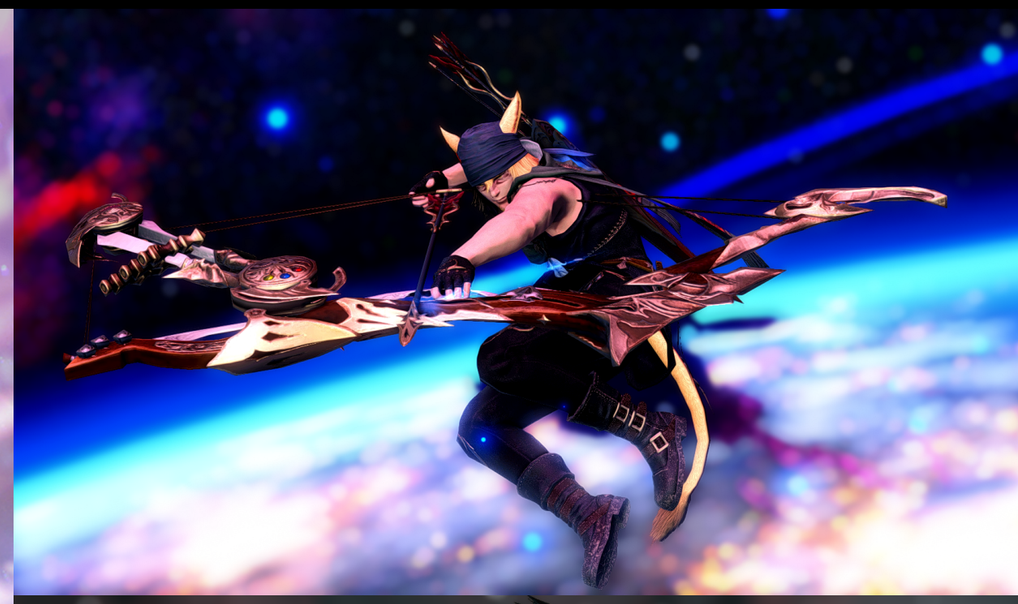

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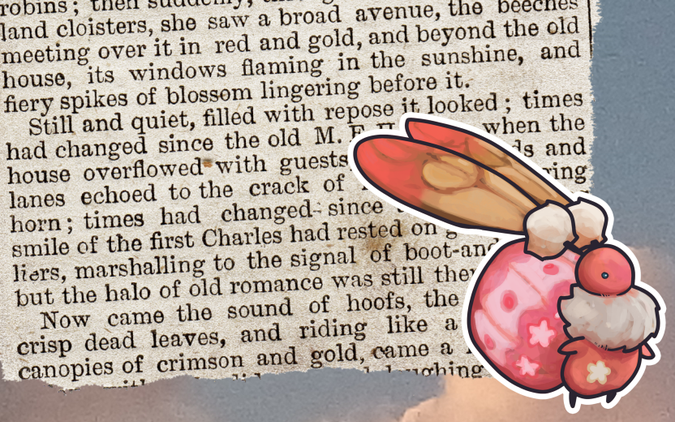

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Little moments
make big memories

13-08-2022

03-12-2022

20-04-2022

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Top of the CLASS

GEAR LIST
FOR TOP OF THE CLASS

MAIN HAND: RAVEL KEEPER'S CODEX
Obtained: The Qitana Ravel

HEAD: CLASSIC SPECTACLES
Dye: Loam Brown
Obtained: Crafted (GSM Lvl. 40)

CHEST: COLLEGIATE BLAZER (TIE)
Dye: Shale Brown
Obtained: FFXIV Online Store

GLOVES: FALSE NAILS
Dye: Mesa Red
Obtained: Madhura - The Fringes - Castellum Velodyna
(6 Ananta Dreamstaff)

PANTS: IDEALIZED ARBATEL BOTTOMS
Dye: Kobold Brown
Obtained: Memoria Misera (Extreme)

SHOES: OBSOLETE ANDROID'S BOOTS OF HEALING
Dye: Kobold Brown
Obtained: The Tower at Paradigm's Breach

RING 1: LUNAR ENVOY'S RING OF HEALING
Obtained: Cihanti - Radz-at-Han
(375 Allagan Tomestones of Causality)

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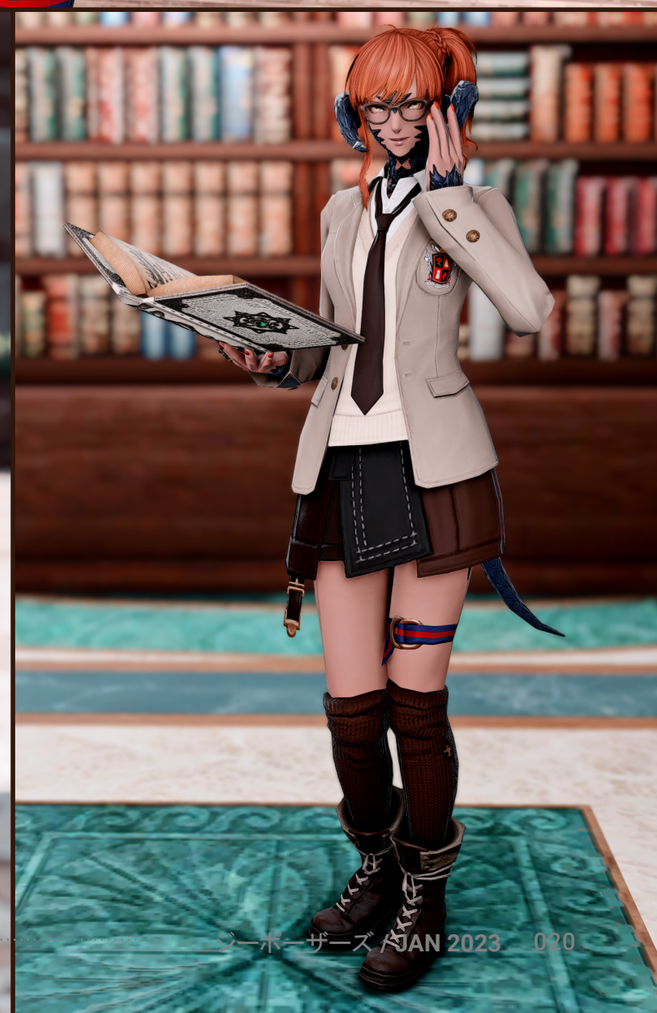

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GEAR LIST
FOR HYDRATION

MAIN HAND: PACTMAKER'S ALEMBIC
Obtained: Crafted (ARM Lvl. 90)

HEAD: CLASSIC SPECTACLES
Obtained: Crafted (GSM Lvl. 40)

CHEST: SUMMER'S FLAME TOP
Dye: Sky Blue
Obtained: FFXIV Online Store

GLOVES: FALSE NAILS
Dye: Jet Black
Obtained: Madhura - The Fringes - Castellum Velodnya (6 Ananta Dreamstaff)

PANTS: TAOIST'S SLOPS
Dye: Sky Blue
Obtained: Crafted (WVR Lvl. 70)

SHOES: CASUAL BOOTS
Dye: Jet Black
Obtained: Casual Attire Coffer

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THE SCIENCE OF SLEEP

GEAR LIST
FOR THE SCIENCE OF SLEEP

MAIN HAND: MOG'S STAFF
Obtained: FFXIV Online Store

HEAD: CRESCENT MOON CONE
Dye: Ice Blue
Obtained: Crafted (WVR Lvl. 50)

CHEST: FAT CAT LOUNGEWEAR
Dye: General-purpose Pure White
Obtained: FFXIV Online Store

PANTS: HEMPEN UNDERPANTS
Dye: Shale Brown
Obtained: Crafted (WVR Lvl. 2)
Maisenta - New Gridania (39 Gil)

SHOES: PAGLTH'AN SANDALS OF CASTING
Dye: Charcoal Grey
Obtained: Paglth'an

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Important Highlights

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GEAR LIST
FOR IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS

MAIN HAND: EMPYREAN REVOLVER
Obtained: Confederate Custodian - The Ruby Sea - Onokoro (10 Empyrean Aetherpool Grip)

HEAD: APPOINTED CAP
Dye: Canary Yellow
Obtained: A Gift from House Levilleur (Sidequest)

CHEST: SKY PIRATE'S VEST OF AIMING
Dye: Sunset Orange
Obtained: Crafted (WVR Lvl. 60)

GLOVES: STREET HANDWEAR
Dye: General-purpose Pastel Green
Obtained: FFXIV Online Store

PANTS: SURVIVAL HALFSLOPS
Dye: Ruby Red
Obtained: Crafted (WVR Lvl. 60)

SHOES: SAILOR DECK SHOES
Obtained: Crafted (LTW Lvl. 50)

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Book worm

GEAR LIST
FOR BOOKWORM

MAIN HAND: BOOK OF ELECTRUM
Obtained: Crafted (ALC Lvl. 45) /
Geraint - Old Gridania (8,844 Gil)

HEAD: VARSITY FLAT CAP
Dye: Charcoal Grey
Obtained: Crafted (WVR Lvl. 90)

CHEST: AUGMENTED SHIRE PHILOSOPHER'S COAT
Dye: Ceruleum Blue
Obtained: Hismena - Idyllshire
(510 Allagan Tomestones of Poetics)

GLOVES: FALSE NAILS
Dye: Soot Black
Obtained: Madhura - The Fringes -
Castellum Velodyna (6 Ananta Dreamstaff)

PANTS: FRONTIER TROUSERS
Dye: Soot Black
Obtained: Crafted (WVR Lvl. 80)

SHOES: AUGMENTED LUNAR ENVOY'S BOOTS OF CASTING
Dye: Ceruleum Blue
Obtained: Khaldeen - Radz-at-Han (1 Lunar Envoy's Boots of Casting, 1 Moonshine Twine)

SELF CARE

GEAR LIST
FOR SELF CARE

MAIN HAND: AUGMENTED CRYSTARIUM KNUCKLES
Obtained: Fathard - Eulmore
(600 Allagan Tomestones of Poetics)

HEAD: EASTERN LORD ERRANT'S HAT
Dye: Charcoal Grey
Obtained: FFXIV Online Store

CHEST: YANXIAN MERCHANT'S HAORI
Dye: Snow White
Obtained: Lighting the Way (Sidequest) / Junkmonger - Doman Enclave (5,000 Gil)

PANTS: FAT CAT SHORTS
Dye: Snow White
Obtained: FFXIV Online Store

SHOES: CRESCENT MOON SLIPPERS
Obtained: Crafted (WVR Lvl. 50)

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GEAR LIST
FOR BOTANICAL INSIGHTS

MAIN HAND:
FIELDSOPH'S HATCHET
Obtained: Scrip Exchange - Radz-at-Han (350 Purple Gatherers' Scrips)

HEAD: VARSITY FLAT CAP
Dye: General-purpose Pastel Purple
Obtained: Crafted (WVR Lvl. 90)

CHEST: ISLE FARMHAND'S WORK SHIRT
Dye: General-purpose Pastel Purple
Obtained: The Land, Wind, and Sea (Sidequest)

GLOVES: ALA MHIGAN GLOVES OF GATHERING
Dye: General-purpose Pastel Purple
Obtained: Crafted (LTW Lvl. 70)

PANTS: PEACELOVER'S PANTALOONS
Dye: Sky Blue
Obtained: Peacelover's Attire Coffer

SHOES: URBAN BOOTS
Dye: Bark Brown
Obtained: Crafted (LTW Lvl. 80)

EARRINGS: BLUEBIRD EARRING
Obtained: Currently Unobtainable

NECK: WYVERNSKIN CHOKER
Obtained: Crafted (LTW Lvl. 54)

A Golden Career Path

GEAR LIST
FOR A GOLDEN CAREER PATH

MAIN HAND: BISMUTH PICKAXE
Obtained: Crafted (BSM Lvl. 85)
Cwengyth - Old Sharlayan (47,685 Gil)

HEAD: ELEGANT RIMLESS GLASSES
Dye: Aldgoat Brown
Obtained: Crafted (GSM Lvl. 50)

CHEST: MINESOPH'S WORK SHIRT
Dye: Sylph Green
Obtained: Scrip Exchange - Radz-at-Han
(250 Purple Gatherers' Scrips)

GLOVES: ISLE EXPLORER'S LEATHER HALFGLOVES
Dye: Sylph Green
Obtained: Horrendous Hoarder -
Island Sanctuary (2,000 Seafarer's Cowries)

PANTS: AESTHETE'S TROUSER OF GATHERING
Dye: Sylph Green
Obtained: Crafted (WVR Lvl. 80)

SHOES: ISLE FARMHAND'S BOOTS
Dye: Loam Brown
Obtained: The Land, Wind, and Sea (Sidequest)

EARRINGS: WAYFARER'S EARCUFF
Obtained: Newfound Adventure
(Main Story Quest)

NECK: WAYFARER'S NECKLACE
Obtained: Newfound Adventure
(Main Story Quest)

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HAMMER YOUR WORKOUT

GEAR LIST
FOR HAMMER YOUR WORKOUT

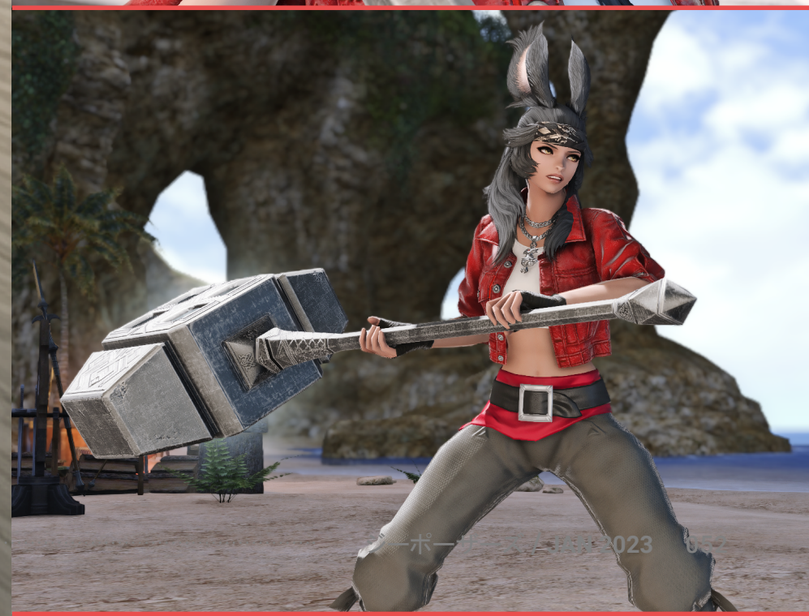
MAIN HAND: ASPHODELOS WAR HAMMER
Dye: Gunmetal Black
Obtained: Asphodelos: The Fourth Circle (Savage)

HEAD: SUMMER SUNSET BANDANA
Obtained: Currently Unobtainable

CHEST: STREET JACKET
Dye: Dalamud Red
Obtained: FFXIV Online Store

PANTS: SAILOR BRAIS
Dye: Charcoal Grey
Obtained: Crafted (WVR Lvl. 50)

SHOES: CALFSKIN RIDER'S SHOES
Obtained: Crafted (LTW Lvl. 80)



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lilac luster

BY SISEMME SEMME/SEI
OF MATEUS

GEAR LIST
FOR LILAC LUSTER

MAIN HAND:
TROPAIOS PLANISPHERE
Obtained: Crystal Quartermaster - Wolves' Den Pier (3,000 Trophy Crystal)

HEAD: VARSITY FLAT CAP
Dye: General-purpose Pastel Purple
Obtained: Crafted (WVR Lvl. 90)

CHEST: KUPO JACKET
Dye: General-purpose Pastel Purple
Obtained: Coffer o' Kupos

GLOVES: LOYAL HOUSEMAID'S WRISTDRESSES
Dye: Soot Black
Obtained: FFXIV Online Store

PANTS: FAIRE KOHAKAMA
Dye: Soot Black
Obtained: FFXIV Online Store

SHOES: LOYAL HOUSEMAID'S PUMPS
Dye: Soot Black
Obtained: FFXIV Online Store

SABO green DER

BY **COLONEL CAV** OF CACTUAR

GEAR LIST
FOR SABO-GREEN-DER

MAIN HAND: LUNAR ENVOY'S TATHLUMS
Obtained: Cihanti - Radz-at-Han
(500 Allagan Tomestones of Causality,
1 Ultralight Tomestone)

HEAD: GAELICAP
Obtained: Currently Unobtainable

CHEST: YANXIAN MERCHANT'S HAORI
Dye: Ochu Green
Obtained: Junkmonger -
The Doman Enclave (5,000 Gil)

GLOVES: THE EMPEROR'S NEW GLOVES
Obtained: Goberin - Western Thanalan -
Horizon (66 Gil)

PANTS: GLADE SLOPS
Dye: Hunter Green
Obtained: Gold Saucer Attendant -
The Gold Saucer (1,000 MGP)

SHOES: PEACELOVER'S LONGBOOTS
Dye: Hunter Green
Obtained: Peacelover's Attire Coffer

EARRINGS: CACTUAR EARRING
Obtained: Currently Unobtainable

Cadet BLUE

BY **ROLL CAKE** OF EXCALIBUR

GEAR LIST
FOR CADET BLUE

MAIN HAND: MANDERVILLE CANE
Dye: Ice Blue
Obtained: Manderville Weapons Saga

HEAD: GREEN BERET
Dye: Corpse Blue
Obtained: Crafted (WVR Lvl. 41)

CHEST: REPLICA SKY PIRATE'S JACKET OF STRIKING
Dye: Corpse Blue
Obtained: Crafted (LTW Lvl. 61)

GLOVES: FALSE NAILS
Dye: Snow White
Obtained: Madhura - The Fringes - Castellum Velodyna (6 Ananta Dreamstaff)

PANTS: SNOW LINEN BOTTOMS OF HEALING
Dye: Corpse Blue
Obtained: Crafted (WVR Lvl. 84) / Junkmonger - Thavnair - Palaka's Stand (43,713 Gil)

SHOES: SCION ADVENTURER'S BOOTS
Dye: Charcoal Grey
Obtained: The Greater Obeisance (Main Story Quest)

EARRINGS: PIXIE EARRINGS
Obtained: Aelina - Mor Dhona - Revenant's Toll (5 Behemoth Horns)

RING 1: PEARL RING
Obtained: Crafted (GSM Lvl. 41)

RING 2: ETERNITY RING
Obtained: Ceremony of Eternal Bonding

LEEJA'S HOUSING CORNER

featuring Ruri Valeth's Apartment on Balmung

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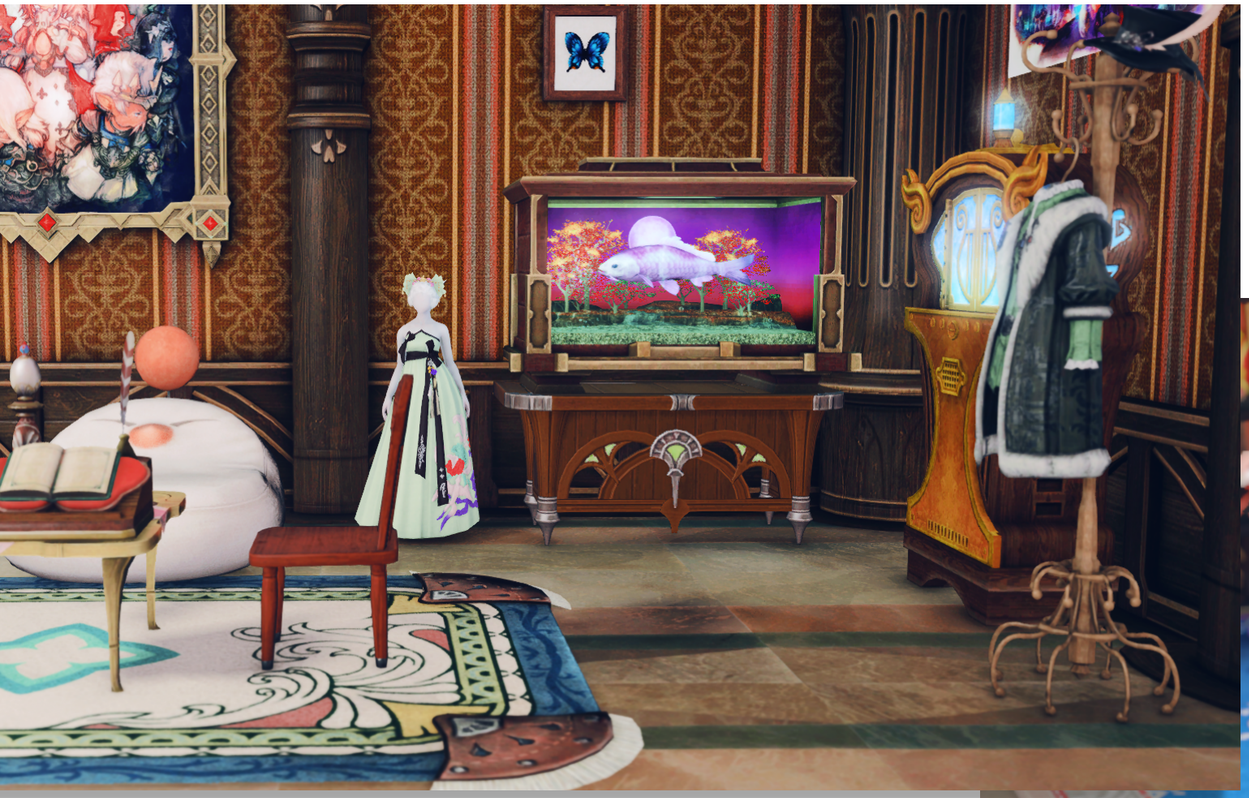
Hello and **Happy New Year** fellow housing enthusiasts! I hope you all have been enjoying **Patch 6.3** and all of the wonderful housing additions that were added. I know that I'll be diving into a new build very soon!

On the **Housing Corner** side of things, I thought that this month it would be great to visit our very own **Ruri Valeth** on **Balmung.**

Ruri owns a roleplaying clothing shop which I had the pleasure to visit recently. Before we get started, here's what **Ruri** had to say about her shop:

"I always wanted to have my own RP clothing shop but at the time I could only afford an apartment so I purchased one and started to create. My character Ruri Valeth is a crafter and not a fighter so all my RP is pretty much slice of life stuff or shopping and crafting. I wanted it to look like one of those small business personal places where it's all one on one. I added a little lounge area for anyone waiting and a small area for kids with toys and stuffed animals to play in. I put in the loom next to my desk to work on the outfits for customers and have a changing area in the back for them to try it on and make adjustments. I used to do a lot of RP with it but lately haven't been up for it but I'd like to start again sometime! I can be found on Twitter if you're interested in seeing my screenshots!"

Well, without further ado let's step inside and have a look!



Immediately upon entering the shop, I notice that the shop is perfectly lit allowing all of the items to be showcased and visible to interested patrons. **Ruri** is clearly a professional—which we did not doubt!

This particular shop is drenched in color—from the various arrays of cloth and yarn to sparkling gems and modeled ensembles. Even the aquarium is bursting with color!

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Ruri also makes and sells stuffed toys—two shelves sit full of various friendly and adorable faces. Next to the toy display is where the magic happens—**Ruri's** sewing station! Plenty of fabric and yarn adorns the area, along with a comfortable chair perfect for those long hours spent crafting.

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There are plenty of lovely ensembles on display on the other side of the shop—some in **Ruri's** signature green and pink and a few neutral selections—as well as an assortment of fine gems. What *doesn't* this shop sell?!

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Towards the back of the shop are racks with some finer attire along with some high fashion locked in glass cabinets. **Ruri** also utilizes this area of the shop as her office—a sturdy desk sits between her and clients during consultations! She certainly has made quite the name for herself around **Eorzea** so I'm sure this shop is bustling during working hours.

I highly recommend stopping by to browse her wares if you find yourself on **Balmung!** Her shop is located in the **Lavender Beds, Ward 12, Lily Hills Apartment # 12.** Be sure to leave a greeting in her message book letting her know if something caught your eye!

That's all from me, housing friends. I hope you enjoyed our first tour of the new year and I can't wait to see where else our housing adventures take us! Until next time—Happy Housing!

Leeja

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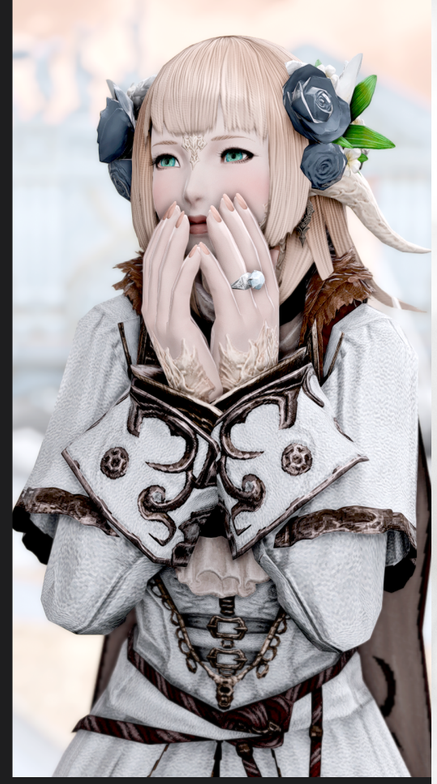

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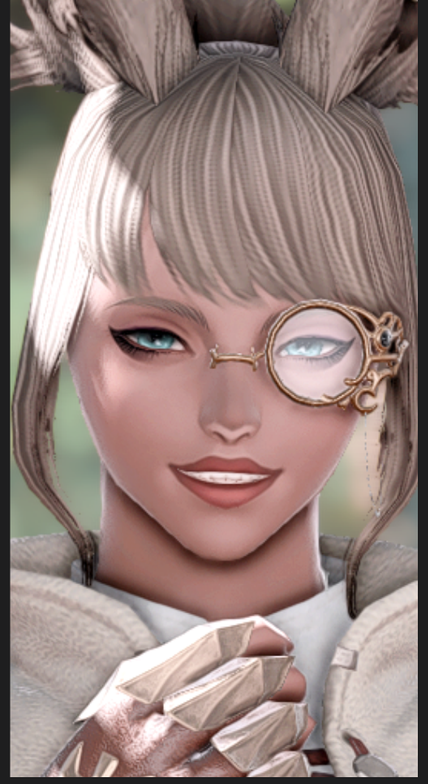

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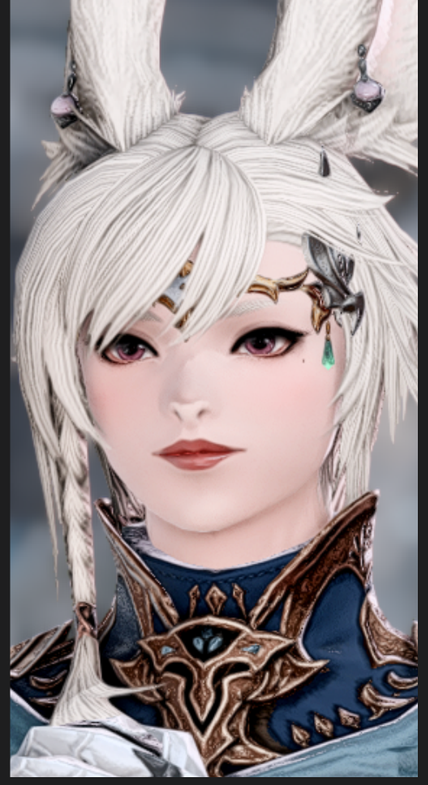

FIRST PLACE WINNER

JENNY NGUYEN

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MERCURY •DRIVE•

SECOND PLACE WINNER

TOFFI FEE

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THIRD PLACE WINNER

VALKARIEL DAWNBRINGER

<GILGAMESH>

ARTIST SHOWCASE
アーティスト・ショーケース

sana XIV

How long have you been creating art?

Since I could pick up a pencil pretty much! While I've never considered myself an artist until I graduated from media school, I've always drawn stuff at the side.

What do you love to draw the most?

I would love to be able to draw many handsome muscular men to feed my friends! Hahaha! For real though, I don't have a specific subject I love drawing I think. I enjoy creating and designing things and exploring.

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What motivates you to draw?

Other than my livelihood depending on it and the deadline, I guess my friends are my motivation—as cheesy as it sounds! Whether it is the fun memes we share or their love for certain characters being infectious, or their Warrior of Light lores that capture the imagination!

THE FORBIDDEN CHAKRA

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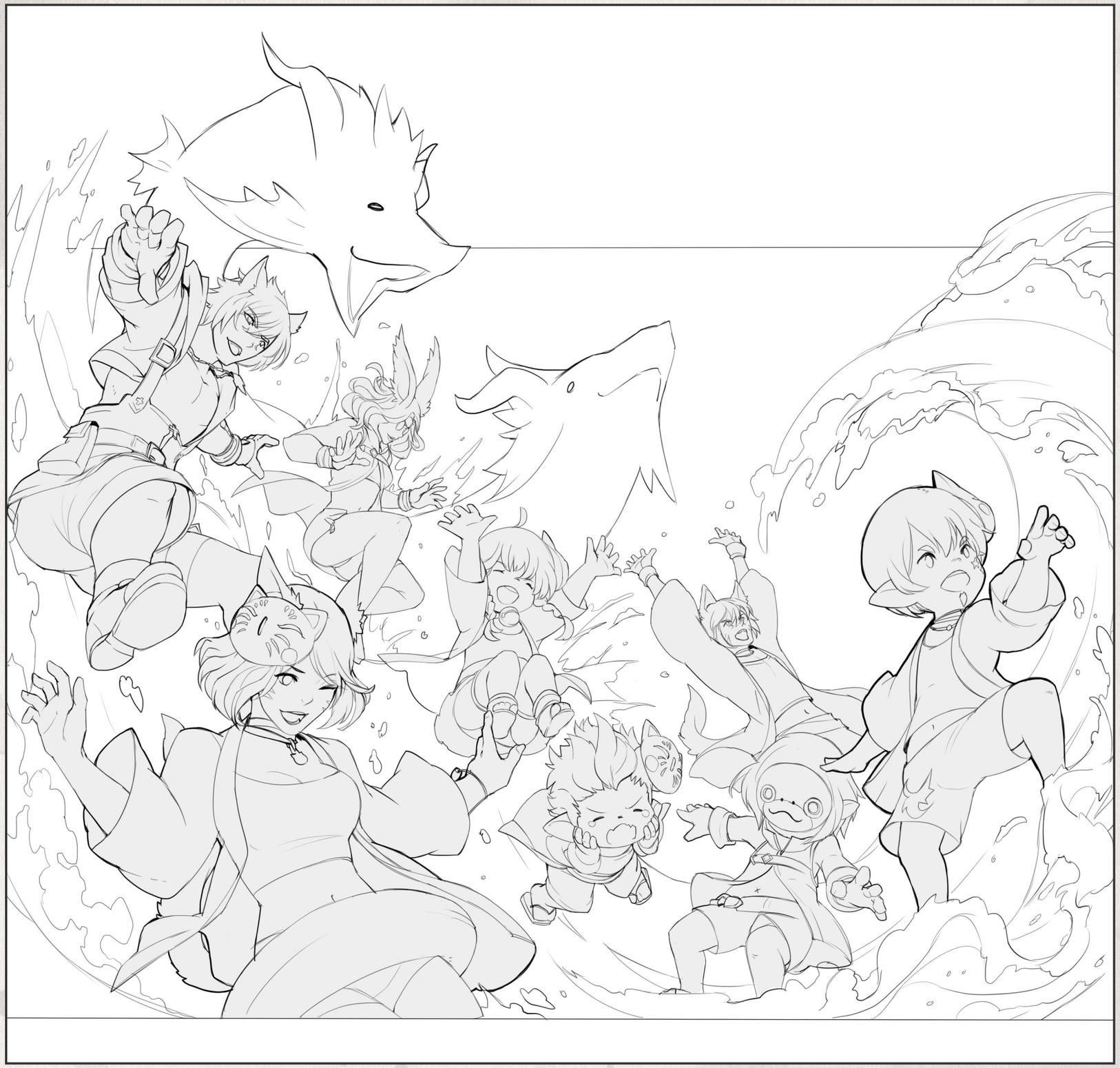

Who/What is the inspiration behind your art?

Stories and music inspire me the most. Mostly the latter. Certain tunes that evoke memories and emotions are the best of all (thank you Soken!).

Do you accept commissions?

I do not accept commissions currently.

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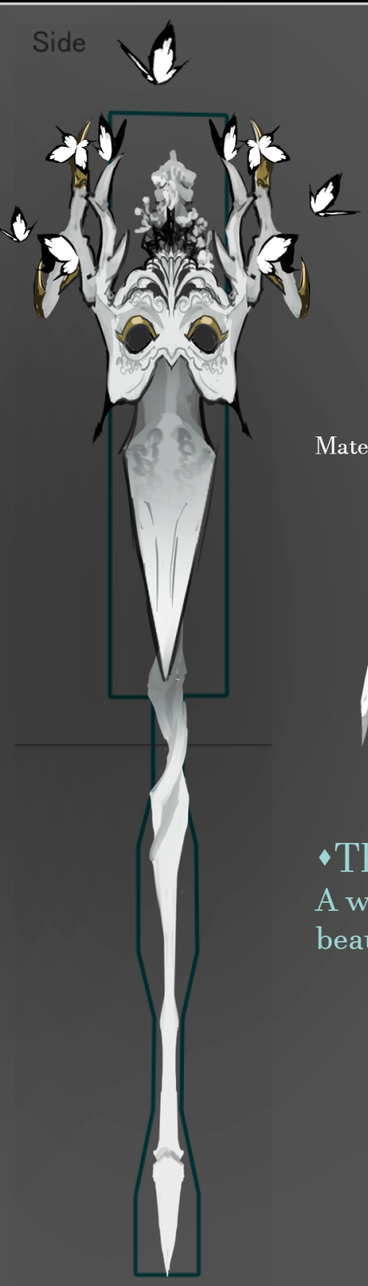
Front

Side



♦The Ashen Queen♦
A weapon carved as a symbol of beauty and life in death.

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モンク/MONK (格闘武器) Type-C

Top

Side

Dragon's Beard Fists - by sana

An intricate monk fist crafted from gold and imbued with energy.
Inspired by Asian golden dragon statues with a nod towards lotus flower petals

MINION MENAGERIE

WHO WILL YOU TAKE ON YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE?

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SPONGE SILKIE

Obtained : The Sil'dihn Subterrane

This palm-sized cleaning familiar's only purpose is to scrub things until they shine—tabletops, armor, ear canals, you name it.

A clean spirit and home are the greatest ways to start the new year. Bless this diligent familiar and their housekeeping abilities. Looking at the silkie, I can picture amazing adventures with them as we deliver Starlight presents to the kids and defend the priceless cargo from perilous beings like cyclops—how those nefarious beasts like stealing the presents. But in the end, this little guy will only strive to remove every last trace of dirt and filth by squeezing its malleable body into the smallest crevices. Not much less brave than in my fantasies.

I am a finder of filth and a pursuer of purity. - Statuesque Broom

PTEROSQUIRREL

Obtained :

Faux Commander (Idyllshire)

400 Faux Leaves

Despite its chubby appearance, this bright-eyed companion can glide a surprising distance.

With my elbow, I accidently threw my colored pencil that was perilously leaning on the edge of my table flying to the opposite end of my room. Such superb flight reminds me of that time when I dreamed that I was a squirrel, but not just any squirrel, no sir. I was able to fly! Imagine a flying squirrel; I know it's preposterous. Whenever any of my fellow squirritizens were in trouble I would fly down to the rescue to save the day. I sometimes wish it were true, but people who fantasize and conjure up the unbelievable abound, just like me.

Seven hells, did those accursed squirrels leave any part of me untouched? - Arold

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NAGXIAN CAT

Obtained :
J'lakshai (Old Sharlayan) / Wilmetta (Radz-at-Han)
800 Sacks of Nuts

The very soul of grace and nobility, and can see souls to boot.

One more year; I'm sitting by the fire with my furry and amiable cat, reading the written entries in my journal, and imagining how everything will be different this time next year when I fill in the blanks. I did write these pages, but...why? It's so difficult to stay focused, especially with this cat. He is the attention hog most of the time, except when I give it to him—then he doesn't require me anymore. Whether fluffy or not, I must find a different way to find focus, perhaps I should learn from my curious friend. If anything catches his blue eyes, he won't let go until he has quenched his curiosity.

I've never beheld such grace, such elegance, such... unfathomable beauty! - Stricken Traveler

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HATCHING BUNNY

Obtained : **Hatching-tide (2022)**

If happiness had form, it would look like this

That snowball lying on the sidewalk makes me think of the time I saw a happiness bunny. Ah, happy day. Nobody believed me, with the exception of an especially nice woman who claimed to have previously seen them in visions. I don't actually remember seeing anything, but I did write that I did in my journal, so it must be true. Its soft and pastel colours, that large pink ball for a tail, and the two white pom poms like…like…cream! I can't help but think back to an ice cream I had on one of those dates. I was in love with that treat, so why did I forget to record it in my journal?

While I'm more of a "cat-lover," variety is, after all, the spice of life! - Gegeruju

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CHEWY

Obtained : Woodland Exploration XXVIII

Take care not to drown in its literal puppy dog eyes.

How I long to be in the New World at this very moment. Why can't it be sunny and nice here in the winter? Six months ago it was great there... But at least with all of the snow, my mischievous pal won't be able to bury my journal once more. Much like myself, she loves a good spot of frolicking. It's likely that she was aware of how significant these pages were and made the decision to protect them. The unfortunate part is that I had forgotten what I had done the previous two months by the time I found them.

From a hound at his throat to a puppy at his heel...
- Hien

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Louisoix
Menphina the Lover

02 Temulun **Malagud**
Brynhildr
Menphina the Lover

03 Nori **Minatozaki**
Cactuar
Nymeia the Spinner

04 Amaya **Mynairael**
Phoenix
Nymeia the Spinner

04 Shia **Bryar**
Behemoth
Menphina the Lover

04 Tigerlife **Starlight**
Famfrit
Menphina the Lover

07 Kiemi'a **Shezorei**
Leviathan
Menphina the Lover

08 Rimuru **Yin**
Masamune
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10 Melora **Mori**
Odin
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11 Gin **Okami**
Tonberry
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11 Ilustrafun **Sevenflier**
Jenova
Oschon the Wanderer

16 Azura **Kizuna**
Ultros
Thaliak the Scholar

16 Cyziel **Key**
Kujata
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19 Su **Gar-**
Odin
Azeyma the Warden

19 Variel **Arkwright**
Lamia
Llymlaen the Navigator

19 Y'zvhejf **Ssiath**
Moogle
Menphina the Lover

20 Sweet **Parfiat**
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Rhalgr the Destroyer

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23 Michiko **Nadashi**
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February Birthdays

COMMUNITY INTERVIEW

Fanariel

Lunastre

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Fanariel Lunastre

LEEJA LLEN: Hello hello! Thanks so much for taking the time to sit down and chat with me today! Before we get started with the interview, why don't you take a few minutes to introduce yourself to the readers?

FANARIEL LUNASTRE: Hi Leeja, and hi everyone!

First of all, thank you for this opportunity. I'm not very active on the discord server so it is a big surprise! I'm Fana, and I started taking screenshots in World of Warcraft around 2015. It was mainly simple landscape pictures, but this hobby took a whole new level when I switched to Final Fantasy XIV and discovered the Gpose feature, and later, the GPOSERS/GShade community.

LEEJA: Ahh a fellow World of Warcraft player—do you still play?

FANA: Rarely, only when they do those free weekend access! I'm planning to return back to the game, but I don't have enough time at the moment.

LEEJA: Understandable! So are you still primarily playing FFXIV then?

FANA: Yup, I'm definitely spending too much time in Eorzea!

LEEJA: Haha! Don't we all. What are some of your favorite things about FFXIV?

FANA: Ah, there are so many things!

Like World of Warcraft, I'm mostly enjoying PvE and roleplay. It is important for me to give my character a life in this world. I appreciate this much.

LEEJA: I like that idea—giving your character a life in the game through roleplay. What are some interesting lore bits about your character?

FANA: As a Viera, she left her village to fight the Garlean Empire and has no possibility of going back home because she is banished (Viera laws are strict).

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So she tries to build a life in Eorzea, but she can't totally forget about the ones she left there, and will probably never know if its duty has been useful or not.

She also learns by herself red magic, but not without trouble!

LEEJA: What a tragic backstory, but also very interesting! Thanks for sharing that with us.

Outside of your roleplaying and PvE fun, do you still make time to Gpose now and then?

FANA: Of course, even if I'm quite out of inspiration for some weeks. I'm planning to do a retake of some old screens I took without GShade, maybe it will rekindle my creative spark!

LEEJA: Aw that sounds like a fun little project! Do you have any favorite Gpose locations?

FANA: Not really, Limsa Lominsa Upper Decks because I stroll there when I don't know what to do.

Otherwise, anywhere with a clear night sky, because ADOF + stars in the background always do a nice duo.

LEEJA: I agree, that's a lovely combo.

When you're Gposing, where do you get your inspiration from?

FANA: Sometimes from Twitter, sometimes from random pop culture things. But mostly from "nowhere". It will be spontaneous, launching / gpose, trying some emote/facial expression.

Or it will be a scene that comes to mind while at work. I know what I want my character to do, roughly where I can take it and write it down on the phone to forget not so I can take the screen as soon as I'm back home.

LEEJA: I see! I'm always so intrigued by the process behind other Gposers' photography.

I don't want to take up too much more of your evening, so I only have a few more questions for you!

What's your favorite photo or photo set that you've taken recently?

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FANA: I find it hard to be satisfied with my last sessions, I'm always looking to improve my personal preset and often just waste my time.

So lately I've turned to Lightroom/Photoshop to improve my images in a different way, and it's quite handy!

LEEJA: Oh I see! Those are such useful tools to really enhance photos and add that extra bit of oomph.

Alrighty, so my final question for you—do you have any words of wisdom or tricks of the trade as it were for your fellow GPOSERS?

FANA: Just share your passion, the rest will come as it goes.

LEEJA: Simple, but effective advice. Thanks so much for taking the time out of your day—or evening, where you are. It's always a pleasure to get to know a fellow Gposer better!

FANA: Thank you, it was a pleasure too! ■

COMMUNITY INTERVIEW

Uncle Sylbhar

COMMUNITY INTERVIEWS

Uncle Sylbhar

LEEJA LLEN: Hello and thank you for taking the time to sit down and chat with me today! Before I start peppering you with questions, why don't you take a few minutes to introduce yourself?

UNCLE SYLBHAR: Ahoy to ye all! Thank ye fer havin' a lad like me on board. I like to go by Uncle and I am currently playing two characters, a Lalafell named Ghiral Daliral and a Roegadyn named Uncle Sylbhar. I've been playing Final Fantasy XIV since spring of 2021 and have hit the ground running from then on. A bit of a pirate lover and an island sanctuary enjoyer, to boot.

LEEJA: Sounds like you enjoy your life living by the sea! What are some of your in-game hobbies—outside of plundering and pillaging?

UNCLE: Hahaha, I'm a man of the sea after all. But if the waters were away, I'd spend some of my time roleplaying. I'm also taking my first steps into savage and have been enjoying it a lot. I love playing all the tank classes, they're the most fun for my kind of gameplay.

LEEJA: Ah a tank main! Do you have a particular tank you favor over the others?

UNCLE: I love paladins, in any game in any genre. But gunbreaker is a close, close second place. Paladin was my first class when I joined as a matter of fact and I intend to stick by it 'till the end. Gunbreaker only snags second for the weapon designs, they are so good looking!

LEEJA: I do enjoy the gunbreaker design in general, so I definitely agree there. How far into the current tier have you gotten?

UNCLE: It's my first steps, so I've been going through P5S and P6S, late to the train but I'm still planning to go the distance and get myself a P8S clear at some point. I believe in myself and my static that we'll get there.

LEEJA: Excellent, well I wish you all the luck in clearing this tier! My static and I are currently progging P8S—this tier has definitely been a wild ride.

LEEJA: So you're a member of the GPOSERS Community Discord—about how long have you been a part of our community?

UNCLE: I believe it was October of 2021. I was at an RP venue where the host was offering character photography and I asked her how the shots looked so good. She sent me a link to resources and I joined the community there. I have that host, Nolana, to thank for my entire presence in the GPOSERS community.

LEEJA: Well we're certainly glad to have you! You enjoy Gposing then, is it safe to say?

UNCLE: Aye, absolutely. I still pose from time to time out of my own enjoyment. I have a backlog I've been meaning to post eventually hahah.

LEEJA: Don't we all—and we love to see everyone's amazing photos on Twitter or on our Discord! We know you've participated in The GPOSERS Challenge before—even going so far as to win the 28th Challenge. Do you participate in Gposing contests often?

UNCLE: That contest entry was completely spur of the moment. I was taking winter-y shots and showing them to my friends when the challenge was announced. I was on the fence about posting it but with

everyone's confidence in me and the picture, I took a chance, and I was amazed I won.

LEEJA: Wow, well it's great your friends' confidence in you pushed you to enter! It was a really great entry—well deserving of the win.

So what's your Gposing style like? Do you tend to just take photos when the feeling strikes, or do you like to plan out your sessions in advance?

UNCLE: In tradition with my pirate-y ways I go where the wind takes me. If I'm going somewhere, if I'm playing some music, and I stop and think to myself "I could make a good shot here" I just go for it with no hesitation.

LEEJA: A Gposing free spirit, I like that. Have you found a favorite Gposing spot in your travels?

UNCLE: Hmmm…there's a little lake south of the farm in Coerthas Western with a lone tree, something about the ambiance there brings me back. It was where I took one of my first Gpose pics after all.

LEEJA: Ah I'll have to take a ride out there and see for myself! Coerthas is one of my favorite places—specifically Coerthas Central Highlands.

Alrighty, I just have a few more questions for you and then you're free to set sail again. Is there anyone in the community who inspires you to up your Gposing game?

UNCLE: I love seeing and cheering on the other people who enter the challenges, it's one of my favorite parts of the GPOSERS Discord. So many creatives in the community and they all inspire me to try a new pose, a new filter.

LEEJA: Definitely, we are so lucky to have so many amazingly talented members!

Last question for you, then. Do you have any words of advice for your fellow GPOSERS, new and old?

UNCLE: Take a chance, shoot your shot, have fun! If you think at any moment that you could make a picture while you're doing your dailies, while you're gathering, then do it. Impromptu photography sessions can be the best kind, and a good learning experience too.

LEEJA: That's great advice! Thanks so much that, and for taking the time out of your day to do this interview. It's such a treat, getting to know our members better.

UNCLE: Thank you so much for having me and thank you to the great GPOSERS community. May the winds guide you to your next great shot! ■

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Camp Riversmeet

Coerthas Western Highlands Coordinates: (25, 25)

Camp Riversmeet was previously used as a key military outpost for the Ishgardian forces but now stands abandoned. A lone aetheryte stands frozen mid-explosion, seemingly unable to handle the plummeting temperature from the endless winter and the aetherial imbalance—both brought on by the Calamity.

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THE CATHEDRAL

Azys Lla COORDINATES: (26, 29)

Designed in a recognizable Meracydian style, the Cathedral's architecture suggests it was once a place of worship for a tribe of treelike beings believing themselves "remnants" of Sephirot. The Allagans relocated the Cathedral to Azys Lla to further research the link between faith and primal summoning.

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Nald's Reflection

Southern Thanalan Coordinates (13, 23)

A hidden underground temple to Nald lying in a cave located in Southern Thanalan between Broken Water and the Sagolii Desert.

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